

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier**

**SRM Number:** 1718

**SRM Name:** Nitrous Oxide in Air (Nominal Amount-of-Substance Fraction 1  $\mu\text{mol/mol}$ )

**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable.

**Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use**

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is a primary gas mixture of nitrous oxide in air supplied in a DOT 3AL specification aluminum (6061 alloy) cylinder with a water volume of 6 L. This SRM is intended for the calibration of instruments used for nitrous oxide determinations in air. Mixtures are shipped with a nominal pressure exceeding 12.4 MPa (1800 psig), which provides the user with 0.73 m<sup>3</sup> (25.8 ft<sup>3</sup>) of useable mixture. The cylinder is the property of the purchaser and is equipped with a CGA-590 brass valve, which is the recommended outlet for this nitrous oxide mixture.

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Classification**

**Physical Hazard:** Compressed Gas

**Health Hazard:** Not classified.

**Label Elements**

**Symbol**



**Signal Word**

WARNING

**Hazard Statement(s)**

H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

**Precautionary Statement(s)**

P410 + P403 Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** Not applicable.

**Ingredients(s) with Unknown Acute Toxicity:** Not applicable.

### 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

**Substance:** Nitrous oxide in air, compressed gas

**Other Designations:**

Nitrous oxide: dinitrogen monoxide; factitious air; laughing gas; hyponitrous acid anhydride; N<sub>2</sub>O.

Air: Compressed air

Components are listed in compliance with OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.1200; for the actual values see the Certificate of Analysis.

Hazardous Component(s)	CAS Number	EC Number (EINECS)	Nominal Mass Concentration (%)
Compressed Air	132259-10-0	Not assigned	>99.9
Nitrous Oxide	10024-97-2	233-032-0	<0.1

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#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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##### Description of First Aid Measures:

**Inhalation:** If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or oxygen by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Not applicable.

**Eye Contact:** Not applicable.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion of a gas is unlikely.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** No information on significant adverse effects.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:** None indicated.

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#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Negligible fire hazard applicable to the identified NIST cylinder. Cylinders may rupture or explode if exposed to heat. See Section 9, "Physical and Chemical Properties" for flammability properties.

##### Extinguishing Media:

Suitable: Use extinguishing media appropriate to the surrounding fire.

Unsuitable: None listed.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:** Oxides of nitrogen.

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters:** Move cylinder from fire area if it can be done without personal risk. Avoid inhalation of material or combustion byproducts. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

**NFPA Ratings** (0 = Minimal; 1 = Slight; 2 = Moderate; 3 = Serious; 4 = Severe)

Health = 0

Fire = 0

Reactivity = 0

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#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:** Immediately contact emergency personnel. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use suitable protective equipment; see Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection". Shut off gas supply if this can be done safely. Isolate area until gas has dispersed.

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean up:** Stop leak if possible without personal risk.

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#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Safe Handling Precautions:** Close valve after each use and when empty. Keep valve protection cap on cylinder when not in use.

**Storage:** Store and handling in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Secure cylinder to prevent physical damage. Keep separated from incompatible substances. Store in well-ventilated area. Subject to storage regulations, OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101.

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#### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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##### Exposure Limits

Nitrous oxide: OSHA (PEL): no limits established.  
ACGIH (TLV): 50 ppm TWA  
NIOSH (REL): 46 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (25 ppm) TWA (over the time expose to waste anesthetic gas)

**Engineering Controls:** Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

**Personal Protection:** In accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132, subpart I, wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to minimize exposure to this material.

**Respiratory Protection:** If workplace conditions warrant a respirator, a respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

**Eye/Face Protection:** Wear splash resistant safety goggles with a face shield. An eyewash station should be readily available near areas of use.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product. Chemical-resistant gloves should be worn at all times when handling chemicals.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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**Note:** The physical and chemical data provided here are for the pure components. No physical or chemical data is available for the mixture. The actual behavior of the gas mixture may differ from the individual components.

Descriptive Properties	Compressed Air (>99.9 %)	Nitrous Oxide (<0.1 %)
Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	colorless, compressed gas	colorless, compressed gas
Molecular Formula	not applicable	N <sub>2</sub> O
Molar Mass (g/mol)	not applicable	44.01
Odor	odorless	sweet odor
Odor threshold	not available	not available
pH	not available	not available
Evaporation rate	not available	not available
Melting point/freezing point	-216 °C (-357 °F)	-91 °C (-131.8 °F)
Density	0.0749 lbs/ft <sup>3</sup> at 21 °C	1.8122 g/L at 25 °C
Vapor Pressure (mmHg)	760 at -194 °C	760 at -88 °C
Vapor Density (air = 1)	1	1.53
Viscosity (cP)	0.01853 at 26.85 °C	0.0145 at 25 °C
Solubility(ies)	slightly soluble in water	not available
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	not available	not available
<b>Thermal Stability Properties</b>		
Autoignition Temperature	not available	not available
Thermal Decomposition	not available	not available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	-194 °C (-317 °F)	not available
Explosive Limits, LEL	not available	not available
Explosive Limits, UEL	not available	not available
Flash Point	not available	not available
Flammability (solid, gas)	not available	not available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**Reactivity:** Stable at normal pressure and temperature.

**Stability:**     X      Stable     \_\_\_\_\_  Unstable

**Possible Hazardous Reactions:** None listed.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid heat, flames, sparks, and other sources of ignition. Minimize contact with material. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

**Incompatible Materials:** No data available.

**Fire/Explosion Information:** See Section 5, "Fire Fighting Measures".

**Hazardous Decomposition:** Miscellaneous decomposition products.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** \_\_\_\_\_ Will Occur       X  Will Not Occur

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Route of Exposure:**     X  Inhalation      \_\_\_\_\_ Skin      \_\_\_\_\_ Ingestion

**Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics:** No information on significant adverse effects.

**Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic and Delayed)**

**Inhalation:** No information on significant adverse effects.

**Skin Contact:** No information on significant adverse effects.

**Eye Contact:** No information on significant adverse effects.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion of a gas is unlikely under normal conditions of use.

**Numerical Measures of Toxicity:**

**Acute Toxicity:** Not classified.

Nitrous oxide, Rat, Inhalation LC50: >250 ppm (4 h)

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Not applicable.

**Serious Eye damage/Eye irritation:** Not applicable.

**Respiratory Sensitization:** No data available.

**Skin Sensitization:** No data available.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** Not classified.

**Carcinogenicity:** Not classified.

**Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen**      \_\_\_\_\_ Yes       X  No

Nitrous oxide and nitrogen are not listed by NTP, IARC or OSHA.

Mutagenic: Nitrous oxide, Human: 50 pph (24 h); Rat: 75 000 ppm (24 h)

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified.

Nitrous oxide, Rat, inhalation, TCLo: 50 ppm (6 h, 30 days); 20 pph (8 h, 28 days)

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure:** Not classified.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure:** Not classified.

**Aspiration Hazard:** No data available.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Ecotoxicity Data:** No data available.

**Persistence and Degradability:** No data available.

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** No data available.

**Mobility in Soil:** No data available.

**Other Adverse effects:** No data available.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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**Waste Disposal:** Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

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## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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**U.S. DOT and IATA:** UN1956; Compressed gas, n.o.s. (nitrous oxide in air); Hazard Class 2.2.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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### U.S. Regulations:

CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Identified cylinder not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Identified cylinder not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Identified cylinder not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Identified cylinder not regulated.

OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Identified cylinder not regulated.

SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21):

ACUTE HEALTH:	No.
CHRONIC HEALTH:	No.
FIRE:	No.
REACTIVE:	No.
PRESSURE:	Yes.

### State Regulations:

California Proposition 65: Not regulated.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** Nitrous oxide is listed.

**TSCA 12(b), Export Notification:** Not listed.

**Canadian Regulations:** WHMIS Information is not provided for this material.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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### Key of Acronyms:

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ALI	Annual Limit on Intake	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
DOT	Department of Transportation	REL	Recommended Exposure Limit
EC50	Effective Concentration, 50 %	RM	Reference Material
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances	RQ	Reportable Quantity
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act	RTECS	Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
IATA	International Air Transportation Agency	SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health	SRM	Standard Reference Material
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50 %	STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50 %	STOT	Specific Target Organ Toxicity
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet	TPQ	Threshold Planning Quantity
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association	TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health	TWA	Time Weighted Average
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	UEL	Upper Explosive Limit
n.o.s.	Not Otherwise Specified	WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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